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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Chorley et al.

Examiner: D. Lee

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For: **SECURITY THREAD** 

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

The following remarks are responsive to the Official Action dated <u>April 29, 2002</u>. <u>In the Claims</u>:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Unchanged) A security thread comprising a magnetic layer sandwiched between protective layers, wherein at least one of the protective layers comprises a piezoelectric polymer.
- 2. (Unchanged) The security thread of claim 1 wherein the piezoelectric polymer layer has poled and unpoled regions forming a binary or tertiary code.
- 3. (Amended) The security thread of claim 1 or 2 wherein a pair of the protective layers, one <u>on</u> either side of the magnetic layer, is a piezoelectric layer.

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